

Drinking Water Quality

The Drinking Water Program is unique in addressing water quality from source to tap in order to improve drinking water supplies for the 22 million Californians who rely on the Bay-Delta for all or part of their water.

Goals:

- To improve the quality of water at its source.
- Seek advancements in treatment technology.
- Find innovative ways to manage and deliver water.
- Support health effects research and perform comprehensive monitoring and assessment of Bay-Delta drinking water quality.

Accomplishments:

- Funded five projects in 2001 totaling \$2 million including:
 - The Salinity and Selenium Project to build a pilot plant to treat agricultural drainage and produce water for reuse.
 - The Bay Area Blending / Exchange study aimed at improving water quality by blending and exchanging source waters among water utilities.
 - A study of the sources and concentrations of contaminants in Bay-Delta water.
 - Studies exploring options for addressing drainage problems in the Delta.
- Developed solicitation and selection process for funding of up to an additional \$13.5 million in drinking water quality projects.
- Developed a Drinking Water Quality Improvement Strategy outlining specific actions and goals for Stage 1 of the implementation phase.
- Coordinated approval of Memorandum of Understanding among key state and federal agencies to coordinate actions to address water quality problems.